APRIL OUTPUT DOWN FROM LAST YEAR



Hawaii's dairy cows produced 10.3 million pounds of milk during April, compared with 10.9 million pounds in April last year and 10.2 million pounds in March. The cow inventory, both dry and in milk, totaled 8,400 head, decreasing 200 head from April 1999, but unchanged from March. Cows averaged 1,225 pounds of milk during the month, 40 pounds below April

1999 but 10 pounds above last month. Production for the first four months of the year was down 7 percent from the same period a year ago to 38.7 million pounds.

U.S PRODUCTION UP 3.7 PERCENT

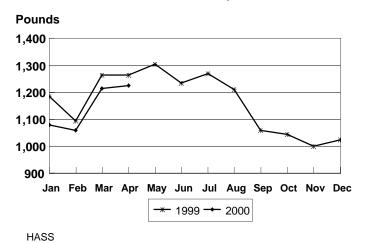
Milk production in the 20 major States during April totaled 12.4 billion pounds, up 3.7 percent from production in these same States in April 1999. March revised production, at 12.7 billion pounds was up 3.7 percent from March 1999. The March revision represented a decrease of 0.1 percent or 15 million pounds from last months preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,598 pounds for April, 44 pounds above April 1999. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.79 million head, 66,000 head more than April 1999 and 12,000 head more than March 2000.

Milk cows and milk production, State of Hawaii, April 2000

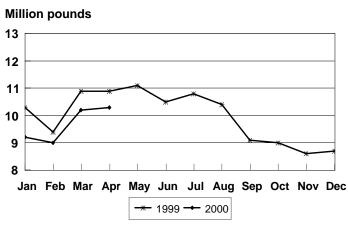
	All milk cows 123			Milk per cow ³		Milk production 13			
Island	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Year-to-date	
	1999	2000	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	Number		Pounds		1,000 pounds				
Hawaii/Kauai	2,860	3,080	3,090	1,000	1,105	2,860	3,415	10,985	12,840
Oahu	5,700	5,300	5,300	1,410	1,290	8,040	6,840	30,495	25,835
State	8,600	8,400	8,400	1,265	1,225	10,900	10,300	41,500	38,700

¹ State totals may not add due to rounding.

Milk Production Per Cow, State of Hawaii, 1999-2000



Total Milk Production, State of Hawaii, 1999-2000



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² Includes dry cows and cows on non-commercial dairy farms.

³ Figures for 2000 are preliminary.